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Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/537,086

Examiner

CRISTINA OWEN SHERR

Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Appeal Brief filed 11/12/2004.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-97.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 03/29/2000 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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1. Claims 1-97 are pending in this action.

Examiner's Amendments

2. An Examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 C.F.R. § 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

3. Authorization for this Examiner's amendment was given in a telephonic interview with Paul T. Qualey (USPTO Registration No. 45,027) on or about October 5, 2008.

Amend claims 1, 15, 27, 44-47, 60-62, 74, 81, and 90 as follows:

1. A method for controlling the use of a data object using encrypted network address information, comprising the steps of:

receiving at an electronic information appliance, a data object and predetermined encrypted network address information from a server;

playing ~~the contents of~~ content from said data object at the electronic information appliance;

decrypting said predetermined encrypted network address information;

determining whether said decrypted network address information corresponds to a network address information of said server; and

~~if said correspondence does not exist~~ based on said determining, ceasing to play ~~the contents of~~ content from said data object.

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15. A method for controlling the playing of content using encrypted network address information, comprising the steps of:

receiving at an electronic information appliance, a data object and predetermined encrypted network address information from a first server;

~~playing the contents of~~ content from said data object at the electronic information appliance;

decrypting said predetermined encrypted network address information;

receiving a plurality of network addresses from a second server corresponding to said decrypted network address information;

searching said plurality of network addresses for a network address of said first server; and

~~if said search fails based on said searching, ceasing to play the contents of~~ content from said data object.

27. A method for controlling the playing of content using encrypted network address information, comprising the steps of:

receiving at an electronic information appliance , a data object and predetermined encrypted network address information from a server;

~~playing the contents of~~ content from said data object at the electronic information appliance;

decrypting said predetermined encrypted network address information;

searching a plurality of network addresses for a network address corresponding to said decrypted network address information; and

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~~if said search succeeds,~~ based on said searching, ceasing to play the contents of said data object.

44. A method for controlling the playing of content using encrypted network address information, comprising the steps of:

receiving at an electronic information appliance, a data object and predetermined encrypted network address information from a server;

decrypting said predetermined encrypted network address information;

determining whether said decrypted network address information corresponds to a network address information of said server; and

~~if said correspondence does exist based on said determining,~~ playing ~~the contents of~~ content from said data object at the electronic information appliance.

45. The method of claim 44 further comprising the step of:

if said correspondence does not exist, playing ~~the contents of~~ contents from said data object in a diminished capacity.

46. The method of claim 44 further comprising the step of:

if said correspondence does not exist, playing ~~the contents of~~ contents from said data object with diminished quality.

47. The method of claim 44 further comprising the step of:

if said correspondence does not exist, playing ~~the contents of~~ contents from said data object with diminished functionality.

60. An article of manufacture comprising a computer-readable medium having stored thereon instructions adapted to be executed by a processor, the instructions which,

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when executed, define a series of steps to be used to control the playing of the contents of a data object, said steps comprising:

receiving at an electronic information appliance, a data object and predetermined encrypted network address information from a server;

decrypting said predetermined encrypted network address information;

determining whether said decrypted network address information corresponds to a network address information of said server; and

~~if said correspondence exists based on said determining, playing the contents of~~
contents from said data object at the electronic information appliance.

61. The article of manufacture of claim 60 further comprising the step of:

if said correspondence does not exist, playing ~~the contents of~~ contents from said data object with diminished quality.

62. The article of manufacture of claim 60 further comprising the step of:

if said correspondence does not exist, playing ~~the contents of~~ contents from said data object with diminished functionality.

74. An article of manufacture comprising a computer-readable medium having stored thereon instructions adapted to be executed by a processor, the instructions which, when executed, define a series of steps to be used to control the playing of the contents of a data object, said steps comprising:

receiving at an electronic information appliance, a data object and predetermined encrypted network address information from a server;

playing ~~the contents of~~ contents from said data object;

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decrypting said predetermined encrypted network address information;
searching a plurality of network addresses for a network address corresponding to said decrypted network address information; and
~~if said search succeeds,~~ based on said searching, ceasing to play the contents of said data object.

81. An article of manufacture comprising a computer-readable medium having stored thereon instructions adapted to be executed by a processor, the instructions which, when executed, define a series of steps to be used to control the playing of the contents of a data object, said steps comprising:

receiving at an electronic information appliance, a data object and predetermined encrypted network address information from a first server;
playing ~~the contents of~~ contents from said data object;
decrypting said predetermined encrypted network address information;
receiving a plurality of network addresses from a second server corresponding to said decrypted network address information;
searching said plurality of network addresses for a network address of said first server; and
~~if said search fails~~ based on said searching, ceasing to play the contents of said data object.

90. A method for controlling the use of a data object using network address information, comprising the steps of:

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receiving at an electronic information appliance, a data object and network address information from a server;

playing ~~the contents of~~ contents from said data object;

sending a message to a verification server containing said network address information;

receiving a response from said verification server; and

~~if said response is negative,~~ based on said response, ceasing to play ~~the contents of~~ contents from said data object.

Reasons for Allowance

a. The following is the Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance.

4. Regarding the independent claims, the primary reference Ball discloses as previously discussed.

5. Ball however, does not disclose wherein a content which has already begun to be played, ceases to be played based on a licensing determination made after playing has begun. Moreover, this feature is not likely to be found in a reasonable number of references. Yet even if the missing claimed elements were found in a reasonable number of references, a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made would not have been motivated to include these missing elements in an embodiment of Ball since normally a person would not want to download a digital work which may turn out not to be licensed.

6. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."
7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to CRISTINA OWEN SHERR whose telephone number is (571)272-6711. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30-5:00 Monday through Friday.
8. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Calvin L. Hewitt, II can be reached on (571)272-6709. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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